## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Kevin McNulty

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v. : Crim. No. 19-698(KM)

GEORGE R. LAUFENBERG : ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE

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This matter having been opened to the Court by Craig Carpenito, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (Kendall Randolph, Special Assistant United States Attorney appearing), and the defendant George R. Laufenberg (Peter W. Till, Esq., appearing), for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter from the date this Order is signed through and including August 31, 2020, to permit defense counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation in this matter and to allow the parties to conduct plea negotiations and attempt to finalize a plea agreement, and the defendant being aware that the defendant has the right to have the matter brought to trial within seventy (70) days of his initial appearance or the making public of the indictment, whichever occurs last, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 316, and the defendant having consented to the continuance and waived such right, and this being the second request for a continuance in this matter, and for good cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

- (1) Taking into account the exercise of diligence, the facts of this case require that defense counsel be permitted a reasonable amount of additional time for effective preparation in this matter;
- (2) Plea negotiations are anticipated, and both the United States and the defendant desire additional time to negotiate a plea agreement, which would render any subsequent trial of this matter unnecessary;
- (3) The current global pandemic due to COVID-19 affects operations necessary for effective preparation of this matter;
- (4) The defendant has consented to the above-referenced continuance; and
- (5) As a result of the foregoing, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161(h)(7), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

IT IS, therefore, on this 5th day of June, 2020,
ORDERED that this action be, and hereby is, continued from the date this Order is signed through and including August 31, 2020; and it is further

ORDERED that the period from the date this Order is signed through and including August 31, 2020 shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974.

/s/ Kevin McNulty

HONORABLE KEVIN MCNULTY United States District Judge

Consented and Agreed to by:

Peter W. Till, Esq.

Counsel for Defendant George R. Laufenberg

Kendall Randolph

Special Assistant United States Attorney